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### Upcoming Dates:

**March 28:** Mentoring Workshop: Scholarship of Teaching, McNeill Hall 1051, 9 a.m.- 4 p.m.

**April 11:** Faculty Council Meeting, McNeill Hall 1051, 8:30 a.m.

**April 11:** NHRMC Clinical Negotiations Meeting, SEAHEC classroom C - NHRMC, 1-4 p.m.

**April 14:** Nu Omega Research Day Dinner, Madeline Suite, 5:45 - 8:30 p.m.

**April 15:** Nu Omega Research Day Podium and Poster Presentations, McNeill Hall, 8 – noon

**April 18:** Prelicensure Council Meeting, McNeill Hall 1038, 8:30-10 a.m.

**April 18:** Mentoring Workshop for Faculty on Time Management, McNeill Hall 1051, noon-1 p.m.

**April 20:** New Cohort Orientation meeting, McNeill Hall 1051, 4:30-7 p.m.

**April 21-22:** Easter Break

**May 2:** Last day of classes

**May 4 - 10:** Final exams

**May 10:** Nurses' Day Celebration, Burney Center Ballroom, 5:30-8:30 p.m.

**May 13:** Graduation Celebration, Kenan Auditorium, 2 p.m.

**May 13:** Commencement, Trask Auditorium, 5:30 p.m.

*Please submit items of interest, calendar events, notable achievements, community events and questions you may have for our faculty and staff to our editorial/production staff: Sandy O'Donnell or Debra Simpson.*

### **Greetings from the Director**

The School of Nursing experienced some major successes this spring. On Feb.18, '11, it was announced that **John (Sandy) and Deborah McNeill and Ronnie and Cyndi McNeill** gave a significant endowment to the School of Nursing and the Cameron School of Business. To honor their contributions to UNCW, the new School of Nursing building will no longer be called the Nursing Building but McNeill Hall. The School of Nursing is very pleased and humbled to have received such a wonderful gift.

Applicants interested in enrolling in our Pre-Licensure Program continue to be robust. For the fall '11 class, 171 applicants were processed for 50 seats. Enrollment in the RN to BSN has also increased with more than 70 applicants. Efforts to recruit students for the new MS Program in Clinical Research have been very successful. Plans are to admit 10 students for the fall '11 class.

In February, we selected a candidate for the Belk Distinguished Professorship. The focus of the professorship is mental health and underserved, rural populations. The candidate selected was **Dr. Jeanne Kempainen** who has a 40 year history in nursing education and practice. She will assume this new role Aug. 1, 2011 and will be a wonderful asset in moving the School of Nursing forward in the area of mental health.



### **Largest Outright Gift to UNCW: An Endowment to the School of Nursing . . .**

. . . with profound appreciation to the McNeill family, brothers **John A. "Sandy" McNeill Jr. and Ronald B. "Ronnie" McNeill** and their wives, **Deborah S. McNeill and Cynthia J. McNeill**, respectively, whose commitment is the largest outright gift in UNCW's history. The largest percentage of the gift will benefit the School of Nursing. The new nursing facility will reflect this commitment with the name McNeill Hall.

Pictured in the left photo are (left to right) **Mr. & Mrs. John McNeill, Dr. Rosemary DePaolo and Mr. & Mrs. Ronnie McNeill**. The right photo depicts the unveiling of the sketches portraying the newly named McNeill Hall.



## Notable Recognition



**Jeanne Kemppainen** (left) has been selected as the Belk Distinguished Professor in Nursing. The role of the distinguished professor is to advance interdisciplinary research, community partnerships and evidence based practice in rural, underserved and vulnerable populations across the life span. **Deborah Pollard** (right) has agreed to serve as chair of the Family and Community Health Department, beginning July 1. This department includes Maternal/Child, Community and Mental Health Nursing, as well as the Irwin Belk Distinguished Professorship in Nursing - Rural and Vulnerable Populations, Mental Health. **RuthAnne Kuiper** continues to serve as chair of the Department of Adult Health, Learning Technology and Clinical Research. This includes the Sandy and Deborah McNeill Distinguished Professorship in Nursing-Gerontology. **Julie Taylor Smith** will serve as Faculty Chair of the School of Nursing.



Congratulations to **Julie Taylor Smith** on her recent recognition of tenure and promotion to associate professor and to **Soo Kim-Godwin** on her promotion to a full professorship.

## Notable Achievements

An article based on the dissertation of **Ann-Marie Goff**, entitled "Stressors, Academic Performance, and Learned Resourcefulness" was recently published in the *International Journal of Nursing Education Scholarship*. This publication is available at:

[www.bepress.com/ijnnes/vol8/iss1/art1/](http://www.bepress.com/ijnnes/vol8/iss1/art1/)



**Melissa Aselage** (left at center) has been awarded the 2011 Southern Nursing Research Society (SNRS)/Aging RIG Distinguished Dissertation at the 2011 Annual SNRS Conference in Jacksonville, FL. Pictured at left are **Teresa Kelechi**, who was awarded the 2011 SNRS/John A. Hartford Award, **Aselage**, and **Elaine Amelia**. Both **Kelechi** and **Amelia** are faculty at the Medical University of South Carolina College of Nursing. **Aselage** also presented a poster at the Annual SNRS Conference: Aselage, M., & Amelia, E., *A Method to the Madness: Fidelity to Treatment in the Feeding in Elderly Late-stage Dementia (FIELD) Trial*.

**Aselage** was recently published: Aselage, M. (2011). Commentary on Lopex, R., Amelia, E., Mitchell, S., & Strumpf, N. (2010). Nurse's perspectives on feeding decisions for nursing home residents with advanced dementia. *Journal of Clinical Nursing*, 19 (632-638). *Journal of Clinical Nursing*, 20, 910-911.

**Kae Livsey** and **Jennifer Horan** (UNCW Department of Public and International Affairs) presented at the South Eastern Council of Latin American Studies conference on March 17 in Wilmington. **Livsey** and **Horan** presented insights and findings related to a pilot study examining women's health literacy and connection to government related to health care delivery in Peru.

**Kae Livsey** presented a paper at the Colonial Athletic Alliance Global Education Conference on March 25 at George Mason University in Fairfax, Va. The paper describes the evolution and maintenance of a unique university/community partnership among three mission driven agencies: a U.S.-based University; a Peruvian-based Catholic mission and a U.S.-based international non-governmental organization.

**Deborah Pollard** published her article on the Impact of Feeding Log on Breastfeeding Duration and Exclusivity in the *Maternal Child Health Journal*, 15(3), p. 395-400.

Honors student **Hillary Hutto** and faculty **Soo Kim-Godwin**, **Deborah Pollard** and **Jeanne Kemppainen** published their article on Postpartum Depression among White, African American, and Hispanic Low-Income Mothers in Rural Southeastern North Carolina in the *Journal of Community Health Nursing*, 28, 41-53.

The abstract of **Debra Ezzell** on Evaluation of Student Nurse Satisfaction and Self Confidence During a Simulated Home Health Nursing Visit With a Standardized Patient, has been accepted as a poster presentation for the upcoming 10th Annual International Nursing Simulation/Learning Resources Centers Conference June 15-18, 2011 in Walt Disney World Resort. Co-authors are **Soo Kim Godwin**, **Carol Highsmith** and **Kae Livsey**.

The Honors project of **Megan McMurry** (May '10 RN-BSN graduate) has been accepted for publication in the *Journal of Pediatric Health Care*. Her Honors advisor was **Soo Kim-Godwin**.

## Welcome to our Newest Cohort of Prelicensure Students

Congratulations and welcome to the Class of May '13, the newest cohort of prelicensure nursing students who will begin their nursing studies in the fall '11 semester. The 45 students accepted had an overall UNCW GPA of 3.5. Thirty-nine of the acceptances are from N.C. with 23 N.C. counties represented. The cohort consists of nine nurse scholars and eight students with prior degrees.

## Camp BONES Award and 2011 Activities

Camp BONES will receive a no-cost extension to use \$19,905 remaining on the original grant to complete a 3-week intensive Nurse Aid I course for Camp BONES 2008 cohort of students. This will include 80 hours of didactic and 40 hours of clinical. Below is the schedule of activities for the SON Nursing and Health Academy programs:

June 12 - July 1: Camp BONES 2008 cohort for the 3-week Nurse Aid I Course.

June 21 - June 25: 24 tenth grade students from around the state of N.C. for the GEAR UP Program: Introduction to Health Careers, funded by the NC General Administration and the GEAR UP Program.

July 10 - July 15: Camp BONES 2009 and 2010 cohorts for one week of science camps, health education, health research, pharmacology and college preparation. This is funded by the Burroughs Wellcome Foundation.

July 24 - July 30: Camp BONES 2011 cohort for Introduction to Nursing and Health Careers, funded by the Burroughs Wellcome Foundation.

## Youth Health Summit

On March 17 the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Youth Health Conference was held for the first time in McNeill Hall. More than 225 eighth grade students from 15 middle schools in five southeastern N.C. counties attended. The conference, funded by a grant from the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation and cosponsored by the School of Nursing, focused on HIV/AIDS. **Kwain Bryant**, from Empowerment Exchange, returned as the keynote speaker and was very well received by the students. After the keynote address, students went into breakout sessions on topics such as substance abuse, exercise tips, living with HIV and elements of a healthy lifestyle. The students also met with various health care professionals to learn about the different options in health care. The conference ended with lunch for everyone who attended. The conference was funded by a grant from the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation and co-sponsored by the School of Nursing.

Special thanks to the students who are members of the American Assembly of Men in Nursing (AAMN) **Will Hite, Josh Gardner** and **Owen Howell** for their assistance with the conference.

## Mentoring Workshops and Lunches

**Jeanne Kempainen** has arranged mentoring workshops and lunches for March and April:

On March 28, **Terri Valiga** from the Duke University School of Nursing, will speak at the workshop Scholarship of Teaching. This workshop will focus on the meaning of the term scholarship of teaching, the concept of mentoring and how mentoring fits with personal and professional development and leadership.

On April 18, **Carrie Clemmons** and **Chris Gould** of the UNCW Center for Teaching Excellence will facilitate a presentation on time management for busy faculty members and balancing professional and family obligations.

## Community Health Nursing Student Activities

Recently, UNCW nursing students assisted staff at the New Hanover County Health Department in a health fair, which provided free screenings and referral resources for more than 100 local area residents. The department staff praised the work of the students indicating that without their assistance and faculty participation the event would not have been possible.

As part of a pilot project with the Wilmington Housing Authority, community health nursing students are conducting home visits to identify needs and health resources to families living in subsidized housing as part of a pilot project with the Wilmington Housing Authority. UNCW faculty **Carol Highsmith** and **Soo Kim Godwin** are providing faculty leadership for the project. Findings from the pilot project will provide information about feasibility of expanding the project for all students enrolled in community health to work with a family for the entire semester.

## Learning Simulation Center (SLC) Activities



Adult Health II students during three simulation experiences

Activities in the Simulation Learning Center continue to expand on a steady basis. The spring '11 semester started with a flurry of activity. The clinical component of Adult Health I was able to host the Safe Patient Handling Lab in the Lecture Hall and the Acute Care Lab for the first time. **Julie Hancock**, physical therapist and coordinator of the New Hanover Health Network Out-Patient Physical Therapy, presented the concepts of safe patient handling to the students, followed by patient transfer practice and use of the two new patient lift systems in the lab. Adult Health I faculty have developed a series of simulation activities, using Vital Sim® manikins, to assist students in the development of focused bedside assessment skills prior to the start of actual clinical experiences. Students this week are expected to return to the lab for expanded bedside assessment simulations coupled with skill performance.

The use of the Electronic Medical Record (EMR) developed by the School of Nursing in partnership with the computer science program, was instituted in Jan. '11 by both the Adult Health I and Health Assessment courses. Students, who are currently documenting patient assessment data and medication administration electronically, are better prepared to do this in the clinical setting.

Last February, the Simulation Learning Center team performed a demonstration of newly purchased SimMan 3G® during the monthly Faculty Council meeting. Since SimMan 3G® is wireless, the portability of the manikin for use outside the lab is significant for the enhancement of student learning. Also in February, the SLC team participated in the UNCW Homecoming Weekend by conducting tours for alumni and the public. A mini-class was also offered to the public which included a simulation involving a motorcycle accident victim who was experiencing a blood transfusion reaction. Each participant was assigned a particular role, which included assessment and medication administration. The simulation, followed by a debriefing session, was attended by three prospective nursing students, several parents and nurses from the community.

For the first time the Adult Health II nursing course conducted two different mid-semester simulations simultaneously with the use of both the critical care lab and the operating room which was transformed into a trauma emergency room.

The graduate nurse practitioner students participated in a lab conducted by **David Summerfield**, an orthopedic nurse practitioner, involving fluid aspiration and medication injection of body joints. Equipment specifically designed for this skill allowed students to correctly identify anatomical landmarks and safely perform the skill.

## Sigma Theta Tau International - Nu Omega Chapter

The Nu Omega chapter of Sigma Theta Tau International will be co-sponsoring, along with the School of Nursing and New Hanover Regional Medical Center, the 19<sup>th</sup> Annual Research Day on April 14-15. The theme for this event is "The Promotion of a Welcoming Environment: The Nurses' Role". Keynote speaker is **Ann Quinlan-Colwell**, Pain Management Clinical Nurse Specialist at New Hanover Regional Medical Center.

An evening dinner presentation on "The Nurse Scientist in Industry" on April 14 will kick-off the two-day events. On Friday, April 15 in the School of Nursing Auditorium there will be podium presentations with the theme of "Personal Leadership: Class of 2011 – Are You Ready?" Friday's events will also include poster presentations. Contact hours for the events are provided. For further information go to the STTI-Nu Omega website or contact **Patty White** at [whitep@uncw.edu](mailto:whitep@uncw.edu) or 910.962.2645.

In addition, the Nu Omega chapter is recruiting the following board positions (effective June 1, '11): Second Counselor, Treasurer, Leadership Succession Chair and Leadership Succession Committee member. Also, the chapter is seeking chairpersons for three committees (Mentoring, Welcoming and Community Service).



## Welcome to Our Newest Faculty



**Jim Lyon** has recently accepted a full-time position after serving for five years in the Clinical Research program. **Lyon** received a B.S. in pharmacy from the University of Pittsburgh ('72) and a Doctor of Pharmacy degree from the University of Michigan ('74). He spent eight years at the University of Pittsburgh as an Assistant Professor of Pharmacy and two years as a Research Associate in the Department of Medicine, division of Clinical Pharmacology. **Lyon** also served as a member of the Institutional Review Board (IRB) at Biodecision Laboratories in Pittsburgh from 1976-82. In 1984 **Lyon** began his career in the contract research industry (CRO) and in 1988 he moved to Wilmington as vice president Clinical Research with Pharmaceutical Product Development (PPD). During five years at PPD, **Lyon** was involved in large multi-center clinical trials and established the Phase I Unit for PPD in Morrisville, NC. **Lyon** spent 13 years with AAIPharma in the clinical research area and established the Phase I unit for AAIPharma in Chapel Hill, N.C. **Lyon** has published 20 articles in the literature and has been a principal or sub-investigator in over 500 clinical research projects.

**Kathleen Rosa**, who has recently accepted a faculty position with the Clinical Research program, has 20 years of research experience, 13 years of which have been in clinical trials research. Prior to accepting her position at UNCW, **Rosa** served for six years as Director of Psychometrics and Statistics at Mapi Values, LLC where she specialized in the development, validation and implementation of patient reported outcomes (PROs) to support labeling claims for pharmaceutical products. Prior to her work at Mapi Values, **Rosa** was employed for seven years in the Biostatistics and Health Outcomes Departments at PPD, where she became the Manager of Health Outcomes. **Rosa's** areas of interest include psychometrics (especially as applied to PROs), clinical trial study design, analysis and interpretation of clinical trial results. **Rosa** received her Ph.D. in Quantitative Psychology from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.



**April Matthias**, full-time faculty in the RN-BSN program, has been a nurse for almost 14 years, graduating from Waynesburg University with a BSN in '97. She earned her MSN with a concentration in nursing education from Duke University in '04 and became a Certified Nurse Educator (CNE) in '07. Currently, **Matthias** is a PhD candidate at East Carolina University with graduation expected in the summer of 2011. Her dissertation is historical case study research on the developments of the first diploma program (1873), BSN program (1916), and ADN program (1952) and their relationship to the multiple entry-level to RN practice debate.

**Matthias** has practiced nursing in various clinical areas: an adult medical-surgical ICU, cardiothoracic ICU, neonatal ICU, nursery, labor and delivery and a postpartum unit. She had been a nurse educator in an associate degree nursing program at a NC community college for the past 10 years and has served as the program director of the nursing assistant, associate degree and practical nursing programs for the past 2-1/2 years. **Matthias** lives in Hubert, N.C. with her husband and two daughters.

## Alumni Information Requested from the Program Evaluation Committee

The School of Nursing Program Evaluation Committee values the input of the School of Nursing alumni. The committee respectfully requests that alumni take a few minutes to assist the committee in identifying the strengths and weaknesses of education received during your course of study while at UNCW. The short online survey can be located and completed at the online link listed below. Only group results will be reported except for specific comments that individual alumni choose to write. The survey results will be used to enhance the curriculum, strengthen the relationship between graduates and employers and plan for future programs. Here is the link:

<http://appserv01.uncw.edu/SelectSurveyNET//TakeSurvey.aspx?SurveyID=p2M3nn65>

## Congratulations to the Class of December 2011 on Passing NCLEX!

To date, 37 of 40 graduates have taken and passed NCLEX on the first attempt for a passing rate of 92.5 percent.

## Prelicensure Mental Health Nursing Students attend the Japanese Videoconference



During January and February, junior nursing students participated in the Annual Videoconference Student Exchange with nursing students from a partnership university in northern Japan, Iwate Prefectural University. The School of Nursing students presented an overview of Wilmington and the UNCW campus, life as a nursing student, regional health issues and mental health issues in college students. The presentations by the Japanese nursing students focused on lifestyle-related diseases in Japan, the Japanese medical insurance system, events in the lives of children in Japan, and Japan's folk remedies and traditional foods. Mental health faculty **Brandy Mechling** moderated the event.

## HIV Research Network Conference

**Jeanne Kempainen** and **Paula Reid** hosted a January meeting of the International Nursing Network for HIV/AIDS Research in the School of Nursing. The network of doctorate prepared nurse scientists and scholars represents major universities and healthcare institutions from Taiwan, Africa, Norway, Puerto Rico, Columbia South America, Taiwan and the United States. Members of the network meet twice yearly and also meet in connection with the International AIDS Conference. The goal of this network is to link nurse scientists and clinicians in generating cross-cultural and cross-national research aimed at improving the quality of nursing care for persons living with HIV disease.



## Tutoring Services Available to Students

The University Learning Center has initiated the tutoring services for prelicensure nursing students during the current academic year for the following courses: pharmacology and pathophysiology. Also a writing fellow **R.J. Revnyak**, is currently assisting students with writing skills in Clinical Reasoning and Scientific Inquiry.

Senior nursing student **Morgan Bulla** (Dec. '11) is available for tutoring services for prelicensure students during the current semester in the areas of general study skills, test taking skills, preparation for standardized testing and time management. Hours for consultation are Sunday, Monday and Wednesday (3-5 p.m.). **Bulla** is available in the School of Nursing on Mondays and Wednesdays for scheduled appointments.

Please submit calendar events, notable achievements, community events, research/scholarship activities and questions for faculty/staff to our editorial and production staff: Sandy O'Donnell (odonnells@uncw.edu) or Debra Simpson (simpsond@uncw.edu).



### Final Linger Thought . . .

*The character of the nurse is as important as the knowledge she possesses.*

Jarvis, 1996